

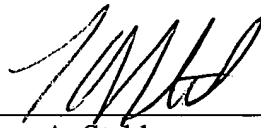
REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Official Action, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention identified as Species II, corresponding to Figures 12-19. Upon review of the claims, Applicants submit that original claims 15-24 read on the elected species. By way of this preliminary amendment, Applicants also add new claims 26-35, each of which is also believed to read on the elected species.

Early examination and favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully sought.

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